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1. AS WE SEE IT, PRESENT PROGRAM STATUS AS FOLLOWS. OF TOTAL ALLOCATION OF $55,000, EXPENDITURES TOTALING NEARLY $14,000 FOR FY-76 REMAINDERS AND FY-76 EARLY EXPENDITURES (ROMEI, DAGNINO, DONATI, TESI, MENED OFFICIALS, GRECO, PLUS THREE AMENDMENTS FOR PREFECTS, ORLANDI, LA MONACA). IN ADDITION, THREE LABOR LEADERS (GALBUSERA, SERAFINI, ZAFFRA) AND PARTIAL PER DIEM TO ECONOMIC LEADERS ADD ANOTHER $4,500 FOR TOTAL OF NEARLY $18,500. PRESENT COMMITMENTS TO THREE NOMINEES (DE FERRA, FIORI, VERTEMATI) LEAVING IN MARCH AND SEPTEMBER TOTAL ADDITIONAL ROUGH $7,500, FOR CUFF TOTAL OF $26,500 EXPENDED OR COMMITTED.

2. AS OF PRESENT WRITING HAVE EXTENDED INVITATIONS TO MOST INDIVIDUALS ON LIST I AND SOME ON LIST II, INCLUDING GROUP OF FOUR PREFECTS (JOINTLY FINANCED). ELEVEN OTHER LIST I NOMINEES HAVE INDICATED ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE BUT HAVE SEVERE PROBLEMS PINING DOWN DEPARTURE DATE. IN ADDITION, ARONE, NOMINEE FOR ECONOMICS MULTIREGIONAL PROGRAM SUBMITTED BY ROME 2826, SHOULD BE ADDED. DE MARTINO GRANT STILL OPEN QUESTION.
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IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS POINT DETERMINE HOW MANY OF THESE WILL

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TRAVEL WITHIN FISCAL YEAR. ONLY PREFECTS RELATIVELY
FLEXIBLE AND WILLING PIN DOWN DATE ON REQUEST.

3. THIS RAISES DILEMMA ON WHICH SEEK GUIDANCE. HAVE
ADDITIONAL NAMES LIST II AND THREE OUTSTANDING GROUP
IMPACT PROJECTS IN ADDITION, LISTED BELOW, TOTALING
BETWEEN THIRTY AND FORTY GRANTS WITH SOME POSSIBLE JOINT
FINANCING. BUT OBVIOUSLY RELUCTANT TO COMMIT MISSION BY
CONTACTING ANY OF THESE IF NOT ABLE LATER TO MEET COMMITMENT.
SINCE AT NORMAL COST ESTIMATES THIS COULD AMOUNT TO ANYWHERE
BETWEEN FIFTY AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND ADDITIONAL DOLLARS,
WE NEED KNOW MORE CLEARLY THAN AT PRESENT HOW FAR WE CAN GO.

4. THREE EXTRA PROJECTS, IN PRIORITY ORDER, ARE AS FOLLOWS:
A) PROJECT FOR TWO GROUPS OF POLITICAL LEADERS FROM PSI AND
DC, YOUNG GENERATION, DESCRIBED BIN ROME 3064; B) GROUP OF
10-20 YOUNG SOCIALIST LEADERS FROM LOMBARDY REGIONTO
TRAVEL BETWEEN APRIL 20 AND MAY 20 IMMEDIATELY AFTER PSI
CONGRESS, AGES 25-35; C) GROUP OF TEN YOUNG EDITORS
FOR THREE-WEEK ORIENTATION TO POLITICAL AND SOICIAL U.S.
IN AN ELECTION YEAR. WILL NOMINATE YOUNG JOURNALISTS
WITH CONCENTRATION ON MAGAZINE EDITORS SPECIALIZING IN
FOREIGN POLICY, BUT INCULDING MAJOR NEWSPAPERS AND RAI.

5. ADVISE URGENTLY. VOLPE

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